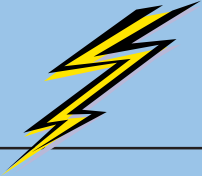


Middle Beach News

Summer 2002

City of Miami Beach

Neighborhood Services Department



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Middle Beach residents who would like to report power outages or streetlights out can use the City's CiviCall system at 305-604-CITY (2489) or call Florida Power & Light at 305-442-8770.

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Neighborhood Meeting Addresses Quality of Life Issues

Middle Beach residents attended a neighborhood meeting held on June 5, 2002 at the Miami Heart Institute. Those in attendance identified a number of concerns affecting the community's quality of life. This newsletter highlights those areas and provides important information regarding the City's programs and the community's

responsibilities. Educating the community is the first step towards enhancing the quality of life in neighborhoods. The following six items were identified as neighborhood priorities:

1. Florida Power and Light- installation of "double poles" in the neighborhood, frequent power

outages, and trees interfering with power lines causing power outages.

2. Speeding enforcement on LaGorce, Pinetree, Alton, and North Bay Road.

3. Need for dedicated bicycle paths in Miami Beach.

4. Need for anti crime programs.

5. Increased parking enforcement of vehicles blocking sidewalks.

6. Increased street lighting.



Neighborhood Parking Issues

Area residents expressed their concerns regarding vehicles parking across neighborhood sidewalks blocking pedestrian traffic and cars parked in the travel lanes of the roads. The Parking Department agreed to step up enforcement of parking regulations in the Middle Beach Area.



Cars that block sidewalks in the area force pedestrians into the roadways and create dangerous conditions. This is not only inconvenient for people trying to use the sidewalks, who then have to navigate around the cars often passing through the grassy swales, it can also be especially difficult for those pushing strollers, using walkers or wheelchairs, or children riding bicycles.

Vehicles parked in the travel lanes of roads obstructing traffic create a hazard for drivers, forcing them to negotiate around the parked vehicles and into oncoming traffic. Officers will be patrolling the neighborhood, issuing citations and towing cars that are illegally parked. Please be considerate of your neighbors and ask your visitors and guests to respect the rules regarding parking.

Police Bulletin



The Miami Beach Police Department has issued an advisory bulletin to residents in the Middle Beach area between 41 Street and 63 Street. Police is advising residents to be sure to set home alarms, and report any neighbor's alarm going off to police; make sure all second floor windows and exterior doors are secured; secure all pet entrances at night; lock all gates around property; don't leave driveway gates and garage doors open or unattended; don't leave ladders or other items lying around your property that could be used to gain access to the second floor; store valuables in safety deposit boxes or home safes; and be sure to get proper identification from any person before allowing them into your home. Miami Beach police officers continue to diligently undertake surveillance operations.

Watch where you park!

When parking in the residential areas, be careful not to: block the sidewalk; block any crosswalk; park in front of a fire hydrant; or park in the travel lanes of the road (obstructing traffic). The infractions described herein fall into the category of "prohibited or hazardous parking" and result in a \$28.00 parking citation.

Important Phone Numbers

CiviCall
(For Information &
Comments)
305-604-CITY (2489)

**Office of the
Mayor and
Commission**
305-673-7030

**Office of the City
Manager**
305-673-7010

**Police
(non-emergency)**
305-673-7900

**Fire
(non-emergency)**
305-673-7120

**Neighborhood
Services**
305-673-7077

**Community
Resource &
Outreach**
305-673-7580

**Parks &
Recreation**
305-673-7730

Parking
305-673-PARK

City Job Hotline
305-673-7777

City Clerk
305-673-7411

**Bulky Waste
Pick-Up
Appointment**
305-633-2700

24-Hour Services

**Water & Sewer
Streets
Sidewalks
Streetlights
Stormwater**
305-673-7625

Traffic Signals
305-592-3580

**FPL
(power outages &
street lights on
wooden poles)**
305-442-8770



Planned Progress for Middle Beach

The City of Miami Beach Capital Improvement Projects Office (CIP) plans and manages the majority of all publicly funded construction projects citywide. In Middle Beach, four separate Neighborhoods have been identified as **Bayshore**, **Nautilus**, **Oceanfront** and **La Gorce**. Funded primarily by Stormwater, Water/Sewer and GO Bonds, each of these neighborhoods is scheduled for substantial above ground and infrastructure improvements. The primary goal of the CIP Office is to ensure that careful planning, design and management will result in projects with a minimum of inconvenience to our residents, and optimal results.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

A series of Community Design Workshops (CDWs) have been held in each of the Middle Beach neighborhoods, and the Planning phase for each is now nearing completion. This planning effort is captured in a document known as the Basis of Design Report (BODR), which will be approved by the GO Bond Oversight Committee and the City Commission. Once each neighborhood's BODR is approved, the Design Stage begins. The consultants for each neighborhood prepares the construction documents. (The respective neighborhood will have the opportunity to review these plans at community meetings scheduled at 50% and 90% of their completion). The Design Stage may last from 8 to 18 months, depending on the complexity of the neighborhood. The Project is then Bid and Awarded in a process that lasts about four months. The successfully awarded project is then ready to begin construction.

The Status of the Middle Beach Neighborhood Projects is as follows:

Oceanfront Neighborhood – BODR approved by Commission & GO Bond Oversight Committee – Design stage has commenced.

LaGorce Neighborhood –BODR being reviewed by City Staff for approval of GO Bond Oversight Committee and City Commission in Fall 2002

Nautilus Neighborhood – BODR being reviewed by City Staff for approval of GO Bond Oversight Committee and City Commission in Fall 2002

Bayshore Neighborhood – Community Design Workshops completed; Consultants preparing BODR

Other Middle Beach CIP Projects:

- 41st Street Bridge Beautification – Construction bids to be advertised July 2002
- LaGorce and Pine Tree Median Beautification - Construction bids to be advertised July 2002
- 42nd Street Streetscape Project – Bid advertisement Summer 2002
- Scott Rakow Youth Center – Completion Fall 2002
- Bayshore Golf Course – Complete Winter 2002

For more information about any of these projects, log onto <http://cmbprojects.com> or contact the Community Information Manager at 305-673-7071.



Road Repairs

When utilities such as the electric or gas company work on their service delivery systems, it often means tearing up roadways to access pipes, cables or other items. The City of Miami Beach Public Works Department closely monitors all utility repairs performed on Miami Beach to ensure that when the work is completed that the roadways are properly repaired and restored.

Code Compliance Division Responds to Resident Requests

In response to resident requests, the Code Compliance Division has been focusing additional efforts to enforce rules regarding illegal multi-family units in single family zoned neighborhoods. With few exceptions, most of the Middle Beach area is zoned for single family resident occupancy.

By focusing efforts on illegal "apartments" or room rentals, Code hopes to protect not only illegal renters but the homeowners as well. The homes' systems, such as electrical, water and sewer, were not designed to support the extra loads imposed on them by multiple families.

In addition to investigating specific resident complaints, the Code Compliance Division routinely scans ads for apartments in the area, and checks real estate sales ads that advertise homes with "rentable cottages/apartments".

